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14 September 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR: John N. McMahon
Acting Deputy to the DCI for the
Intelligence Community

25X1 FROM:
Deputy Chief, Imagery Division, OPEI

SUBJECT: Study of Photo Interpreter Resources

25X1 1. In its July review of the National Foreign Intelligence Program, the PRC(I) requested that the IC Staff study "the problem of photo interpreter (PI) billets from a Community perspective." This instruction, in conjunction with the DCI's expressed concern for "how we determine desirable and affordable overlap" and his direction to ". . . develop an independent task force to do a fundamental review. . . ." formed the basis for the terms of reference for the subject study (the terms of reference, attached, were distributed on 8 September). The study is underway with several committees working to accomplish those actions described under the General Approach heading in the terms of reference.

2. (C) The terms of reference call for a report related to the PI staffing of NPIC, DIA, and CIA to be provided to you on or about 1 October. This is to be the first phase of the total report with findings and recommendations subject to change in the final report based on the completion of the Community examination. The final report will include recommendations for any needed changes to the current tasking, management, organizational or staffing structure of any of the involved PI organizations--individually or as a group. The final report is to be provided to you on or about 15 March 1978.

25X1 3. ☐ The study group can report to you that there are 30 PI billets in the GDIP program and 29 in the CIAP program for NPIC for FY 79. In addition, there are 29 additional PI billets for NPIC in overguidance, not approved by the PRC(I), which will appear in an enhanced option in the GDIP program for FY 79. Thus, the NPIC request for 59 additional billets is covered.

25X1 4. ☐ At this point, the study group cannot provide final recommendations concerning the number of billets or the program which should provide them. However, the group recommends that the billets be supported as currently programmed based on these assumptions:

- a. The current PI tasking is correct.
- b. The most effective management is being applied.
- c. The PI-related workload will increase to the point previously estimated.
- d. Failure to program for the increases in FY 79 could result in serious shortfalls in imagery analysis capabilities as new systems come on-line.

25X1 5. ☐ The group is very concerned about the possibility of serious problems that could occur if new systems are brought on-line without the availability of additional PI billets. It is considered essential that steps be taken now to cover this possibility.

25X1 6. ☐ It must be noted that the study group's collective opinion is that not all of the assumptions may prove to be correct and the final recommendation could call for some adjustment in the program(s). The timing of the final report will allow for adjustment prior to final Congressional action.

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Terms of Reference



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MEMORANDUM FOR: See Distribution

FROM: 
Chairman, Photo Interpreter Resources
Study Group

SUBJECT: Terms of Reference

Reference is made to my memorandum dated 7 September 1977.
subject: Summary of 1 September 1977 Meeting. The Terms of
Reference enclosed in that memorandum have been approved and are
the Terms of Reference that will be used in this study.

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